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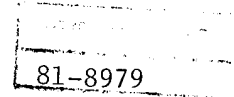
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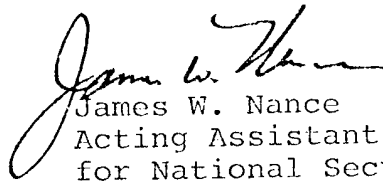
MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Decision Directive Number 16:
Economic and Security Decisions for Libya

The attached National Security Decision Directive Number 16 of December 10, 1981 lists the President's economic and security decisions for Libya.

The President has asked the Secretary of State and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs to co-chair a Task Force on Libya. The Task Force will coordinate, implement, and make recommendations of additional options to the President.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


James W. Nance
Acting Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 16ECONOMIC AND SECURITY DECISIONS FOR LIBYA

After consultation with the National Security Council I have directed that the following steps be taken to reduce the threat that Libya poses to U.S. national security:

1. The Secretary of State should send a private demarche to Libya reemphasizing an earlier warning concerning its plotting of terrorist actions against U.S. citizens or facilities.
2. The Secretary of State should request in the name of the President that U.S. corporations with American citizens in Libya and U.S. corporations that trade with Libya make a voluntary withdrawal of those Americans and a minimization of sales and purchases to and from Libya.
3. The Secretary of State shall invalidate U.S. passports for travel to Libya.
4. During the withdrawal of Americans and in the context of Libyan terrorist planning against U.S. targets, the Secretary of the Treasury shall initiate and coordinate preparations for:
 - a. U.S. embargo of imports of Libyan oil.
 - b. U.S. embargo of exports to Libya.
5. The Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall undertake to develop and evaluate military measures suitable for execution in response to:
 - a. An unsuccessful assassination attempt while Americans are withdrawing.
 - b. A successful assassination attempt while Americans are withdrawing.
 - c. An attack after Americans have been taken hostage.
 - d. An attack following the withdrawal of Americans.

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6. The Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Secretary of State shall assure that military measures be proportional to provocation under international law, military feasibility, collateral damage and political implications.

7. Appropriate briefings shall be provided to Congressional leadership and other groups as required.

8. The Secretaries of State and Defense as well as the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the Director of Central Intelligence shall report to the National Security Council on diplomatic and military steps required to deter Soviet military involvement in light of Presidential decisions.

9. The State Department and the White House shall co-chair a Task Force on Libya. Duties of the Task Force shall include:

- a. Implementation of the above decisions.
- b. Recommendation of additional options to the President.

One of the first assignments of the Task Force is to decide what actions should be taken now if a mandatory withdrawal of U.S. business personnel from Libya is to be implemented.

Ronald Reagan

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